

CHRISTMAS

Will soon come and you are still in doubt as to what to buy for your husband, wife or children, brother, sister, sweetheart or friend. Now if you will come in and tell us your troubles we will guarantee that you won't leave our store troubled, for we have suitable presents for everyone and the beauty of it all is they are useful. They are going out fast and if you don't come soon you may fail to get just what you want.

Santa Claus Headquarters at our Store

This year, and wants you to leave orders with us for he says we have the nicest line he has looked at.

Yours for Santa,



FRAZEE HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY.

THE DAILY CHIEFTAIN

10c a Week by Carrier.
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D. M. MARRS, - - - EDITOR.

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Official Paper of the City.

Chief Buffington says he never employed Judge Springer to collect the four millions, and Springer, it is understood, says he did. Now when these two great men thus disagree what may be expected of the common herd.

Go to the polls tomorrow and vote for two school directors. Vinita has never had a weak school board, and as a result the Vinita schools have been taken as a model. There is a good deal of civic pride in having the best public schools in the Indian Territory. Keep to the front by electing two strong, broad-gauged men for directors tomorrow.

For Chief of the Cherokees.

Much ink has been wasted and columns of the press have bulged with discussions and censorious articles on the various candidates for principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation and much of it has been confined to the non-citizen press of the country. No sooner is a name suggested than it is assailed, and often in language vituperative and calumnious whether deserved or not. It occurs to us that one worthy and capable in every respect, well-known and popular is Bob Ross. Mr. Ross has occupied about every office in the Cherokee Nation except that of Chief, and filled them with honor to himself and satisfaction to his people. His financial, executive and legislative experience in our National affairs, especially fits him for the office of Chief. He is a descendant of a long line of brilliant and illustrious ancestors to whom more of the advancement, civilization and achievements of the Cherokees can be ascribed than all else, and especially the creation and establishment of civil government, schools, churches and all the embellishments of civilized life. Mr. Ross' motives have never been impugned his honor, integrity or character impeached. He has always maintained a high social standard and the good will of his fellowmen, and has a record behind him for good statesmanship and fidelity to his people. He is well-known abroad, having at various times represented his people at Washington and been treasurer of the Cherokee Nation. The two old dominant parties of the nation will dictate the rival candidates and Mr. Ross is unquestionably the leader of the National party, and if nominated will draw largely from the ranks of the other party. —Dewey Globe.

What the Papers Say.

Senator Quay rang the death knell of the Indian Territory for statehood favors the other day in his venomous, blasphemous eulogy on this piece of terra firma, which is denied the civil respect of legislation and aborted from all privileges due free and enlightened citizens—Ardmoreite.

Mayor Doggett made a raid on the gambling houses of Wagoner yesterday. He summoned his police force and all got into a bus and went direct to the gambling houses. The news had leaked out ahead and the gamblers attempted to escape, but three were caught and arraigned for trial. The authorities of Wagoner are now determined to put a stop to gambling and whiskey selling in Wagoner.

The decision of the supreme court, that the leasing of oil lands in the Cherokee nation, by the Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock to the oil syndicate against the wishes of the Cherokee people, is legal, because the Indian is a ward of the nation, is for the Cherokee a reaping of the whirlwind where they previously sown in the wind. Yet the Cherokee solons who attended the Eufaula convention appear to be on record as endorsing the assertion to their inability to care for themselves, and desire to have four more years of interior department guardianship.—Fah-lequah Herald.

Big Christmas Shoot.

The local gunners club will give a shooting match at the South park Christmas afternoon that promises to eclipse anything yet attempted in the way of a shoot. Chief Buffington and Ed Lee have been selected as captains. Among those enlisted to shoot are Ed Lee, Sam Ridenhour, Marion Maddox, Cyrus Cornatzer, Dr. Oliver Barbey, Webb Buffington, T. M. Buffington, W. C. Wright, Chas. Webb, E. R. Crittenden, Chas. Graham.

Marriage Licenses.

Benton M. Hale—Martha Gains, Fairland.
Z. C. Shepperd—Mayme Group, Fairland.
Thomas P. Dilliner—Harriet G. Phillips, Wyandotte.
R. A. Ballard—Jessie Lamar, Newimore.
J. L. Beatty—Pearl Levy, Talala.
R. F. Nix—Sophronia Fields, Centanna.
John B. Gohliland—Laura Johnson, Campbell.
Arthur Allen—Pearl Bliss, Welch.
Chas. Jones—E. La Hogan, Chelsea.
Chas. Sullivan—Lydia Simpson, Almore.
George Lyons—Emma Cochran, Stillwell.
John C. Clock—Mary Newman Vinita.
R. A. Younger—Lila Gary, Afton.
H. M. Smith—Louisa McNaire, Vinita.
E. M. Abbot—Nellie Vicker, Table-guah.

Weather Conditions.

Tonight showers, colder. Saturday snow flurries, colder.

Judge Gill's court adjourned today after receiving the report of the jury commissioners for the January term. M. Frazee of Vinita, H. R. Gill, Afton and W. H. Morgan, Adair are the commissioners.

LANDS AT AUCTION.

Bids to Be received for Valuable Lots in the Territory.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of Mr. W. A. Jones, commissioner of Indian affairs, in Washington, on January 15, for the sale of 6323 acres of the richest lands in the Indian Territory. The property for sale consists of the surplus lands of the Peoria and Miami Indians. The location of the lands is such as to make it probable that the syndicates which have been trying to secure possession of Indian Territory lands will not be eager bidders for it. The property is divided into 175 parcels, of which there is but one that contains 160 acres. Most of the lots run from 25 to 80 acres each, and they are scattered widely. The lands are among the most valuable in the Indian Territory, and officials of the Indian bureau expect that good prices will be offered for them by actual settlers who have been living in the Territory on lands leased from the Indians.

Spend Christmas holidays with kin folks and friends in the old States. Only one fare, plus \$2.00, for the round trip by the "Rock Island System," Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R. Tickets will be limited 30 days from date of sale.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

On December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1902, and January 1, 1903, the M. K. & T. Railway will sell Holiday Excursion tickets to local points within two hundred miles of selling station for one fare for the round trip, final limit January 2, 1903.

Hot drinks are now served at the Silver Moon Restaurant, chicken bouillon, tomato soup, hot chocolate ginger cordial, and many others too numerous to mention. Finest line of Christmas candies in town. 661

Advertisement for Proposals for United States Jails, Indian Territory.

Proposals are invited for the construction and completion of United States jail buildings in the Indian Territory, one each at Vinita, South McAlester, Ardmore and Muskogee, in the Northern, Central, Southern and Western districts, respectively, of the Indian Territory. The form in which the proposals are desired may be ascertained by calling upon the United States marshal at any of the above-named places, and which provide:

- (1) For furnishing and erecting complete four jail buildings, one each at the above places named, except the steel and iron work, etc.;
- (2) For furnishing and erecting in position the steel and iron work;
- (3) For furnishing and erecting complete the entire four buildings, including steel and iron work;
- (4) For furnishing and erecting complete any one of the four buildings, except the steel and iron work.

Plans and specifications for the entire work may be had on application to the general agent, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., or to the United States marshal at any one of the above-named places.

Proposals must be addressed to the Attorney-General, Washington, D. C., up to noon of Monday, December 22, 1902, at which time they will be opened. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. 629-63-41

Pick The Winner

Of the many contestants for The Golden Rule prizes. The judges will have a hard time to choose. Here are a few more letters. Who do think is entitled to the \$5.00 in gold.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 11, 1902.
Dear Santa Claus—I am five years old. I haven't even been to school yet; I can't spell a little, but I taint wight or yead, so I have my brudder wight foah me. I want a frashinmachine and a twain, sum tandy and tuen dum. We dot an old long fellah heah dat t'ied to tirk a twain off the twack and stwained his knee, and he is a little tippl'd eveah since. Bring him some medicine to oit him well. BRUCE CARRICO

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 12, 1902.
Dear Santa Claus—I will write you a few lines, now that Christmas is coming. Dear Santa, you must give all the poor and orphan children something. My father is dead; I am eleven years old. Santa, you'll find things good to eat in the kitchen on the table, and a good fire in the stove. Santa, if you want to, bring me something. MARY E. MUNCHALL.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 6, 1902.
Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl, ten years old, and as it is nearly time for you to come and visit us little folks, I thought I would write and let you know what I want. I want a doll and a little trunk to keep my dolls' clothes in, a little stove and a set of dishes. But, Santa, if you would rather give me money than the presents I asked for I could take it and buy something for some poor little child that you might not visit. I remain, as ever, one of your little girls. MARY CHANDLER.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 15, 1902.
Dear Sandy—Me five years old and me thought me me would write you a few lines to see if you are coming to see me Xmas, Sandy. Me be glad you come. You can find me sto' k'ng hang'g by my bed. You come, maybe me have you a t'ddy when you come down t' e stovepipe, so don't forget me. Hoping we will see you Xmas, your little girl, THELMA HARMON.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 15, 1902.
Dear Santa Claus—I have been carrying in wood of evenings for nickels to save for Christmas, but Raymond Akin accidentally hit me in the face with a stick Friday evening, at school, and my face is so bad I can't get out in the cold, so please bring me a pair of rubber boots and some skates. The Good Book says do good for evil, so don't forget the little boy that hit me, for he wants something, too. I am ten years old. Your little friend, OWEN PARKS.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 16, 1902.
Dear Santa Claus—I am 5 years old. Please bring me a doll and doll carriage with a parasol to it; and dishes and little stove, and table and little chair, candy and things, and that little train. That's all I want. Go d'bye, dear Santa Claus. WORLEY STANBERY.

Vinita, I. T.,
Dear Santa—Please bling me a stove that will cook, a pot to boil meat, a fancy pan to bake cake, with a t'ipe coming up in it, a doll and a set of dishes so I can have a dinner and invite Grace, Ruth, Maydy and Veva. I am five years old. SARAH GROSS.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 13, 1902.
My Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl ten years old; I live in the northern part of Vinita. I thought I would write you a letter so you would know what I want. I want you to bring me a doll, a tea set, a story book, a little red chair and plenty of nuts, candies and fruits. I will leave you a nice lun h on the table in the room where I hang my stockings. Now, Santie, I want you to listen, for I want to whisper a secret to you: If you h'v'e not enough presents with you while you are in Vinita, just go to the "Golden Rule Store," for they have presents there cheaper than you can make them. I will close, hoping to see you at the Xmas tree, and wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your true friend, NORMA HICKS.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 16, 1902.
Dear Santa Claus—Christmas will soon be here and when you come down our stovepipe be sure you have a boy doll and a little cup and saucer. I would like to have some nuts and candy. Don't forget to come to 75 West Illinois ave. LUCY F. RAMSEY, age 6 years.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 9, 1902.
Dear Old Santa Claus—I have gone to school eleven months. I hope you will bring all the little children something. I hope that you will bring me a guitar and a hair brush. We will try to have a fire to warm your hands and feet by, and corn in the barn for your little reindeer. I guess I must close. You will find pie and cake in the safe. LELIA PEARL DANIEL, 10 years old.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 15, 1902.
Dear Old Santa Claus—I am a little boy nine years old. When you came to see me last Christmas I lived in the country, but we have moved to town so I could go to school to learn to read and write, so when Christmas comes I can write to you what I would like to have—the life of your elf to read, if you have it, telling all about your troubles through Christmas, and some other good books; and some toys, too. But if not asking too much of you, I would rather have one of those nice boy's suits of clothes than anything else. You will find them at the Golden Rule store. This leaves me well and on the lookout for you. I hope you will get through all right. Good-bye, Santa. GROVER WEBB.

Misses' Jackets.

Nothing more pleasing to the girls than a nice jacket. For the Holidays we offer

Misses' long cloaks with wide capes, handsomely trimmed; in blue, red and tan: sizes 8 to 14; regular price, 3.95, holiday price \$3.19
Misses long jackets, good Kersey cloth; in red, blue tan, and brown, sizes 6 to 14; regular price \$5. Now, \$3.99
Misses' 6.75 Jackets—Holiday price \$5.19
Misses' 7.50 Jackets—Holiday price \$5.99
Misses' 8.75 Jackets—Holiday price, \$7.24
Childrens' Reefers, 99c and up.

The Golden Rule

The Store Where a Dollar Goes the Farthest.